REMARKS

Claims 4-10 are amended to remove multiple dependencies, claims 11-13 and 15 are amended to better conform to US practice, claim 14 is canceled, and new claims 16-26 are added wherein:

Claim 16: Finds support at (for example) page 3 lines 21-27, claims 1 and 15.

Claim 17: Finds support at (for example) page 6 lines 20-22, page 9 lines 1-5.

Claim 18: Finds support at (for example) page 6 lines 20-22, page 9 lines 4-5.

Claim 19: Finds support at (for example) page 9 lines 1-2.

Claim 20: Finds support at (for example) page 6 lines 1-9.

Claim 21: Finds support at (for example) page 6 lines 1-9.

Claim 22: Finds support at (for example) page 4 line 27-page 5 line 3.

Claim 23: Finds support at (for example) page 8 lines 13-21.

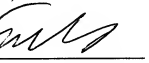
Claim 24: Finds support at (for example) page 8 lines 13-21.

Claim 25: Finds support at (for example) page 5 lines 5-15.

Claim 26: Finds support at (for example) page 5 lines 12-15.

The application is now ready for examination on the merits. If any questions regarding the application arise, please contact the undersigned attorney. Telephone calls related to this application are welcomed and encouraged. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments relating to this application to deposit account number 18-2055.

For the Applicant,



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ABSTRACT

An articulated device for advancing a medical implant along a catheter comprises a plurality of segments (1, 12) arranged one after the other in line, each segment being hingeably connected to a single adjacent segment if it is at the end of the line and otherwise to two adjacent segments, whereby a medical implant mounted at one end of the device can be advanced through a catheter by pushing on the other end of the device, the hinged connections allowing the device to follow a curved path through the catheter.